

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the claims of the present application, as amended herein, are respectfully requested.

Applicants acknowledge, with thanks, the Examiner's statement that Claims 14-17 are allowable if rewritten in independent form.

The remaining claims, i.e., Claims 11-13, have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,517,175 to Throngnundai in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0063292 to Armstrong et al. and further in view of Japanese Patent No. 01076755.

In order to advance prosecution of the above-identified patent application, Applicants have hereby amended Claim 11 (from which Claims 12-13 depend) by incorporating all claim limitations of the allowable Claim 17. Further, Applicants have hereby rewritten the allowable Claim 14 (from which Claims 15-16 depend) in independent form and have also amended Claim 17 to depend from the rewritten Claim 14.

Thus, all the pending claims, i.e., Claims 11-17, of the present application are in condition for allowance. Applicants hereby request the Examiner to issue Notice of Allowance for the application, consistent with the Examiner's statement in the June 15, 2005 Office Action.

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